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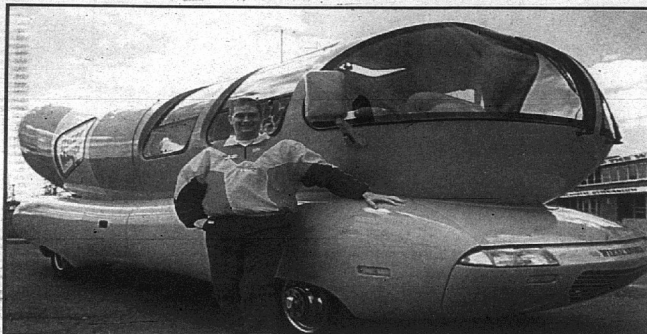
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Hot dog — Ron Sammons, a 1991 graduate of Granite City High School, in front of the vehicle he has been driving for most of the last year. He is one of the Oscar Mayer Company's 'hot doggers', the twelve recent college graduates who drive the six Wienermobiles which travel the nation's roads promoting Oscar Mayer products. More photos on Page 3A.

Haine rejects food ordinance proposal

Madison County officials may have to come up with a new recipe for a food sanitation ordinance.

State's Attorney William Haine turned thumbs down Wednesday on a plan to exempt all nonprofit organizations from permit fees. He said such an exemption would be subject to challenges by restaurant owners and would be unenforceable.

The ordinance was expected to come before the full County Board for action Wednesday, but James Monday, county director of administration, said it probably would be withdrawn.

"There obviously is more debate that needs to go on," Monday said.

Monday said a special meeting of the County Board could be set later this month to consider the ordinance.

Haine also observed that some fraternal and other nonprofit organizations run food operations that dwarf those of some private restaurants.

"They're competing with other restaurants and competing for resources because you have to inspect them all," he said. Permit fees are intended to offset costs of inspections by the

"There has to be a basic fairness in the application of the ordinance across the board. Otherwise, there's going to be trouble."

— William Haine
State's attorney

county's new health department.

"I'm concerned about a complaint by private restaurant owners that they're paying the full load," Haine said. "There has to be a basic fairness in the application of the ordinance across the board. Otherwise, there's going to be trouble."

He said fraternal organizations that operate bars must pay the same liquor license fees as owners of private taverns.

As originally drafted, the proposed ordinance (See FOOD, Page 10A)

Port attracts Mexican business

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A five-year-old, aggressive marketing campaign touting the benefits of the Tri-City Regional Port near Granite City is beginning to pay dividends.

On Thursday, local officials stood alongside representatives of Sulfamex, a Mexican manufacturer of manganese sulfate, to watch the first of what they hope will be many barges from Mexico arrive at the Tri-City Port.

Sulfamex has selected the local port as its U.S. distribution point for its product, which is used as an animal feed additive and plant fertilizer.

"Tri-City Port is an ideal location for distributing our product to our U.S. customers," said Salvador Flores, sales manager for Sulfamex.

Port officials expect Sulfamex to ship three to four barges a year to the local port, each carrying about 1,700 tons of product.

But more importantly, the selection of the local port by Sulfamex opens the door for other companies to follow suit. "Sulfamex's selection of the Tri-City Port was directly influenced by 'Avenue of the Americas,' the proactive market development program designed and undertaken by the port in 1991," said Dr.



(Staff photo by BOB SLATE)

Officials from the Tri-City Regional Port and from Sulfamex, a Mexican manufacturing company, stand at the "Avenue of the Americas," where a barge carrying 1,650 tons of Sulfamex product arrived Thursday.

Charles King Jr., chairman of the port's board of commissioners.

The marketing campaign was initiated, in part, to capture a portion of the north-south trade growth resulting from the North American Free Trade Agreement, King said.

The marketing campaign emphasizes the port's ability to unload, store and handle barge, rail and truck shipments easily and cheaply and its proximity to the Midwestern U.S., a large end

market. "This marketing strategy promotes the shipment of products between the United States, Canada and Mexico by barge without costly transshipment in coastal ports," King said.

"Continued port growth could not occur were it not for the experience, expertise and efficient handling of Lewis and Clark Marine and Mid-Coast Terminals, who operate port switching and fleet services and its general cargo dock," (See PORT, Page 10A)

Madison advances annexations

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The annexation of two pieces of land in Canteen Township by the city of Madison was given preliminary approval by the city council Tuesday.

The annexation, part of a railroad right-of-way and a Metro East Sanitary District drainage area near Gateway International Raceway, is part of a move by the city to position itself for further annexations in St. Clair County, particularly National City.

The council is expected to approve ordinance

annexing the parcels at its next meeting.

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said the property includes areas already annexed by Fairmont City. Nighohossian has also been given authority to begin negotiations with National City on a possible merger.

Fairmont City and Madison have been jockeying for position to move into National City for several months, and Madison city officials said these latest annexations are part of the final pieces that need to be put into place before court challenges to the Fairmont City annexations are filed.

(See MADISON, Page 10A)

Tax assessments to be published

Property tax assessments for 1995 in Granite City, Nameoki, Chouteau and Venice townships will appear in the *Press-Record* on Thursday, April 18.

Road plan hits a snag

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Lead contamination in Granite City has jeopardized a planned \$1.5 million road improvement project designed to improve truck access to Granite City Steel.

City, county and state officials are now scrambling to come up with an alternative plan.

Last summer, Gov. Jim Edgar visited Granite City Steel and publicly pledged \$769,300

for the 16th Street improvement project in the form of a matching fund grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Madison County agreed to pick up 25 percent of the projected cost, with the city funding the remainder.

"The improvement of 16th Street is important to the steel companies and manufacturers in the area that employ thousands of workers," Edgar said at the time.

The 16th Street improvement was designed to ease access to Granite City Steel's new \$87

(See ROAD, Page 10A)

Convicted murderer's sentence is reduced

A Madison County judge has knocked five years off the prison sentence of a Troy teen-ager serving time for the armed robbery and slaying of a convenience store clerk.

Chief Criminal Judge Edward C. Ferguson on Thursday reduced the sentence of 16-year-old David Keller from 35 to 30 years. Keller was convicted by a jury in 1993 of the first-degree murder of Pontoon Beach 7-Eleven store clerk Hugh Harrigan.

Harrigan, 56, was shot twice while he stood behind the store counter Feb. 27, 1993. Keller, the armed getaway driver, sat in the car while his friends went inside to rob and kill Harrigan. Also serving time for the murder and robbery are Shaun Jackowski, 19, formerly of St. Jacob, and Indiana resident Lorenzo Long, 20, who befriended Jackowski in Terra Haute. Jackowski received 50 years in prison and Long, who cooperated with prosecutors, is serving 25 years.

Keller's attorney, Tom Hildebrand of Alton, argued for the reduction, claiming Keller was not the trigger man and only sat in the car while the crimes were committed.

Madison County Assistant State's Attorney Susan Jensen, who

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDQ-NewsChannel 5

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Show your pride — The Granite City Centennial Corp. is offering merchandise commemorating the city's 100th anniversary. T-shirts, sweat shirts, caps, golf shirts and towels commemorating the city's centennial and the park district's diamond anniversary may be purchased at Tops 'N' Bottoms in downtown Granite City, with proceeds supporting centennial activities. Pictured are City Clerk Judy Whitaker, left, and Pauline Presley, an employee in the clerk's office, who purchased their specially-made sweat shirts from Jim Shepard;

LOCAL NEWS

THE VOICE BOX:

Parents who home teach their children feel that they shouldn't have to pay school taxes. What do you think?

By SHIRLEY VALENCIA



Julie Scott Granite City
"Yes, they should. The family still belongs to the community, and everyone in the community needs to support the schools, even if they choose not to send their children there."



Ronnie Wilkinson Granite City
"Yes, they should. We need to support our schools, even if our children are out. My grandchildren are in school, and they need a good education."



Rick Fancher Granite City
"Yes, they should. It's still all our responsibility to support our schools."



Michelle Tuetken Granite City
"No, they should get a tax break. Although I don't home school my children, I feel that everyone who has home taught knows how expensive school can be, especially if there is more than one child."



Barb Kingsly Granite City
"No, they should not have to pay taxes. Why should I pay someone to educate my children when I'm the one doing the teaching?"

Brady speech crowd small 280 at SIUE hear discussion of gun control options

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

The relatively small crowd attending a speech Wednesday by Sarah Brady of Handgun Control Inc. surprised Richard Walker, coordinator of the Arts and Issues series at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Brady's speech, "Gun Control: Beyond the Brady Bill," highlighted the efforts of the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence and Handgun Control Inc., which she chairs. She also talked about her family's personal struggle since her husband, former White House press secretary James Brady, was shot by John Hinckley Jr. in the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan.

Although approximately 450 tickets had been sold, only about 280 people attended the Wednesday evening speech.

Walker said media attention on security precautions may have scared off some people.

Those attending the talk had to go through a metal detector at the door and waded through tables set up by both pro-gun and anti-gun control groups handing out literature.

"Both had large groups at their tables up until the speech and then again after it was over," Walker said.

Normally about 600-700 people attend Arts and Issues speeches. In this case Walker said the controversy surrounding the subject should have brought out more people.

"It's a hot subject," Walker said. "That's one of the reasons I booked it last year."

"Perhaps it was too hot," he said. Despite security concerns, Walker said the crowd was very well behaved.

He said the only real fireworks were several shouting matches during the question-and-answer period following Brady's presentation.

Responding to some of the questioners, Brady said she was frustrated with pro-gun advocates accusing her of wanting to ban guns.

"It's like you all have a mental block," Brady said after a second audience member implied she wanted to ban guns.

"There's always some clown that gets up and says, 'Why do you want to ban my guns?' I've told you, and I won't say it again: I don't believe in disarming the American public."

Brady spoke about the center's educational programs, including school curriculums that teach gun safety and nonviolent conflict resolution.

Laws cannot do it all, she said. "But they can help."

She said the Brady Law, named after her husband, was developed to prevent illegal sales of guns to felons, fugitives, illegal immigrants and underage people.

"The simplest thing you can do is stop over-the-counter sales to the wrong people," she said. "We want to stop the guns from so easily getting into the wrong hands. I do not want to take guns away from law-abiding citizens."

Anti-gun control advocates, who lingered with pamphlets and National Rifle Association buttons in University Center hallways before and during Brady's speech, disagreed with her.

Collinsville attorney Bob Heinritz had petitioned the university for equal time at the event for pro-gun speakers. The university declined but allowed Heinritz and other activists to set up booths outside the hall.

"We're the most violent nation on earth," said Steve Pattison, who called himself "a taxpayer."

Pattison stood behind a table of leaflets and pro-gun literature. Pattison insisted that the Brady Law was unconstitutional and said two federal grand juries had ruled it unconstitutional.

In several local cases — mostly in the Western United States — federal courts have said the law's requirement that states perform background checks was unconstitutional.

Pattison said he did not have any literature on the cases with him, nor did he have a copy of the Brady Law.

"We're the most violent nation on earth," she said. "We're the most violent nation on earth."

During a heated moment in her speech, Brady, noting that Americans own 200 million guns, said: "If guns made us safe, we would be the safest country on the planet." Instead, she said, "We're the most violent nation on earth."

During a press conference before her speech Brady commented on the security precautions.

"Unfortunately I don't think there is any place in this world that is immune to violence and especially gun violence," she said. "The United States is the most violent nation on earth and this can be a contentious issue for a small number of people."

She said the majority was on her side.

"There are extremists who want to ban all weapons and there are extremists who want to hand out weapons to everybody, but somewhere in the middle is where most of us are," she said. "You have to be a little careful," she said. "I'm kind of used to it."

"Who would think a middle-aged mother and housewife would be so controversial," she added. "You'd think I was Carrie Nations racing through the streets of the campus trying to grab everybody's guns. I don't want anybody's guns."

— Some information provided by The Telegraph



Sarah Brady speaks to reporters prior to her speech Wednesday at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

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Man spends year piloting 'Wienermobile'

By John Freese
Staff writer

Sammons, a 1991 graduate of Granite City High School, has been wandering the nation's highways in his own "Wienerbago" to promote Oscar Mayer Foods.

The job of driving the Wienermobile goes to the company's "Hotdoggers," young people fresh out of college who serve a one-year internship as representatives

for the company. Those selected tend to have journalism or marketing degrees, and Sammons heard about the job while attending University of Missouri. The school's School of Journalism attracts the company to interview its graduates, and there has been at least one of its alumni driving the Wiernmobile since 1968. This year four hotdoggers are Missouri graduates.

"It's always something different, and it's like being a one-man parade where ever you go," Sammons said. He admits the miles between events can get tiring, and the hotdoggers fill the time thinking up puns on the nature of their transportation. Some of them have made their way onto flash cards to hold up for other vehicles to read, like "Ketchup with you later" or "I bet you never sausage a thing."

The Wienermobile itself is a comfortable way to travel. Built on the frame of a GMC

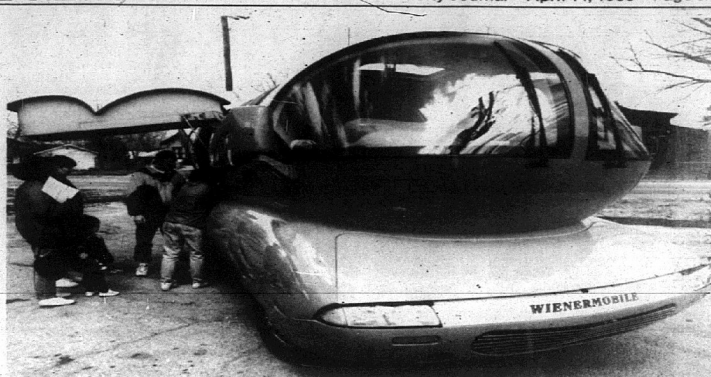
truck, it houses captain's chairs for six, a stereo and a television in a 27-foot wiener. And for a 10,000-pound hot dog, it gets surprisingly good fuel economy, about 15 miles a gallon on regular gas.

But what Sammons likes most about it is the spectacle it makes as it passes by.

"It gets all kinds of reactions — from people who stalk you to get a closer look to absolute terror," he says. "People at lights can sense the mass in the shadow pulling up behind them, and you can tell they are almost afraid to look back to see what it is."

Appearances always attract a crowd. "When the side door goes up, sometimes I feel like saying, 'Take me to your leader!'"

On his way into town while visiting his family for Easter, a nun from St. Elizabeth Day Care followed Ron and flagged him down, asking him to appear for the kids. He obliged, and the kids loved it.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)

Youngsters at St. Elizabeth Day Care Center take a tour of the Wienermobile, while its driver Ron Sammons tells them a little about it.

In celebration of the Granite City Centennial, the Granite City Public Library District will not be charging fines for overdue library materials returned during National Library Week April 14-20.

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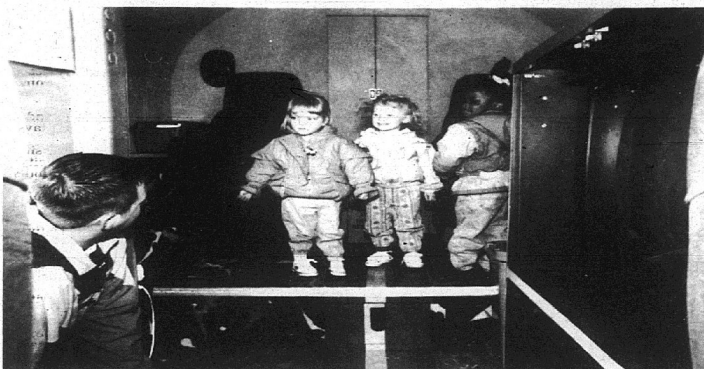
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Megan Turner and Tegan McCaslin, both 3, along with Charrae Wise-Newberry, 2, listen as Sammons tells them about his rolling hot dog.



Sammons waves at passers by from the driver's seat.

Registration set

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The 3-year-old class meets on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4-year-old class meets on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Classes are held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Call 877-1904, for more information.

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New highway bridge is still long way from reality

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

One of the things local municipalities eyeing National City are counting on is development spurred by a new bridge across the Mississippi

River, but Dale Klohr of the Illinois Department of Transportation said a final decision on the location is not expected soon, and construction will probably not begin before the turn of the century. Klohr said Wednesday that

the search has been narrowed to two locations either National City or Sauget. He said the final decision on the exact location is probably 1 1/2 to 2 years away. "Nationwide, location studies average about seven to eight

years," he said. "Not only do you decide where you're going to build, but you also prepare environmental impact studies."

Once approved, he said construction would begin in approximately three to four years, depending on the availability of funds.

The total cost of the bridge is estimated at approximately \$350 million. Of that, about \$200 million would go toward the actual bridge construction. The

remaining \$150 million would be used to build four interchanges — one in Missouri and three in Illinois.

"It's very complex," Klohr said. "If the northern location is picked, he said the completion of the bridge would be coordinated with the expansion of Illinois 3."

"The bridge needs (Illinois) Route 3," he said. He added that IDOT has had to change the alignment of the improved Illinois 3 several

times because of major developments.

Because of the \$22 million expansion of Gateway International Raceway, the highway will go north of the racetrack.

Klohr said the original route went right through the new expansion.

Farther south, he said plans for an intermodal truck yard by the Terminal Railroad Association caused route changes.

Successor to Astorian named by county

A department veteran is taking the helm of the Madison County Department of Probation and Court Services.

Alton resident Darrell McGibany, 50, was appointed Wednesday by the county's circuit judges to the department's top post, replacing retiring director Robert Astorian.

"This is exciting," McGibany said. "I've been with this department for 22 years so it won't be an entirely new

adventure."

"I am looking forward to it," McGibany said. "After four years of supervising both adults and juveniles, he was appointed superintendent of the Madison County Juvenile Detention Home."

"I supervised the home for 10 years," he said. "That was a real experience, especially since that place is open 24 hours, seven days a week."

McGibany was appointed as the department's associate director under Astorian in 1988 and will continue in that position until his new appointment becomes effective June 28.

McGibany, who lives in Alton with his wife and four children, is a graduate of Alton High School.

He earned degrees from Centenary College, Western Illinois University and the University of Illinois in Springfield.

He is past president of the Illinois Probation and Court Services Association and serves on the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission.

As associate director, McGibany oversees the department's three divisions — adult and juvenile probation and the detention home.

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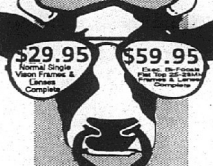
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Donald I. Serot, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon
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Date:
Thursday, May 2, 1996

Information:
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 Dr. Philip Valicoff celebrates his 37th birthday today, April 14.
 George L. McGarrahan will celebrate his 72nd birthday April 15.
 Brenda L. Rohan will celebrate her 32nd birthday April 15.

Laurie Cotter will celebrate her birthday April 15.
 Leann J. Reed will celebrate her 27th birthday April 16.
 Lynette Vandlik will celebrate her 27th birthday April 16.
 Kimberly Dawn Flaughner will celebrate her 32nd birthday April 16.
 The Rev. Claude E. Shelby Sr. will celebrate his 65th birthday April 16.
 Michael Ozanich will celebrate his 30th birthday April 16.
 Cindy Worthen will celebrate

her 40th birthday April 16.
 Richard and Rose Marie Bauer will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary April 16.
 Scott A. and Tracy A. Wilson will celebrate their third wedding anniversary April 17.
 Dennis Ross will celebrate his 22nd birthday April 17.
 Edward Haynes Jr. will celebrate his third birthday April 17.
 Stephanie Await will celebrate her 17th birthday April 17.
 Janet M. Dye will celebrate her 36th birthday April 18.

Tate Gehrig will celebrate his first birthday April 18.
 Kenny Hart will celebrate his 50th birthday April 18.
 Tiffany F. Lee will celebrate her 21st birthday April 19.
 Tally and Mary Evans will celebrate their wedding anniversary April 18.
 Because of an over abundance of late milestones, we will no longer print after-the-fact birthdays or anniversaries.

Notice must be sent on a postcard at least one week in advance of the publication date, e.g., Sunday, Jan. 14, for a birthday on Jan. 24.
 For a mention in the milestones listings, send a postcard with the person's name, date of celebration and telephone number to: MILESTONES, Granite City Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, Ill., 62040.

School violence discussion set

"Violence in Our Schools: Research on Causation" will be the topic of the April 17 session of Dialogue with Senior Citizens at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education and the Gerontology Program at the University, the presentation will begin at 1 p.m. in the Mississippi/Illinois Room of the University Center.

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If you're concerned about your inability to do certain everyday activities or you haven't been able to exercise because of joint pain -- come to this program. It just might help improve the quality of your life.

Date, Time and Place:

Monday, April 29, 1996

7 to 9 p.m.

Memorial Hospital Auditorium

Speakers:

- Donald Serot, M.D., Orthopedic Surgeon
- Judith Wuller, M.D., Internist
- Don Courtial, PT, Director, Rehabilitation Services
- Cathy Mitchell, PT, Physical Therapist
- Debi Schneider, PT, Physical Therapist
- Gerry McPhearson, RN, Orthopedic Nurse
- Angela Nottmeier, RD, Registered Dietitian

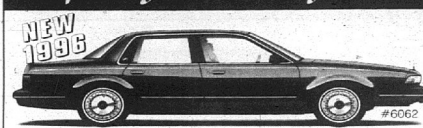
Information:

The program is free. Reservations are requested. Call Memorial's Community Relations Department at 257-5649.



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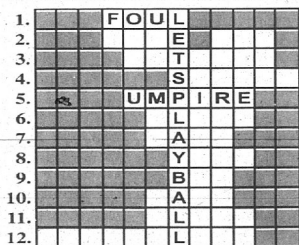


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3. One responsible for throwing the ball
4. When a player fails to connect the bat with the ball
5. One in charge of calling plays
6. All leather and five fingers
7. Necessary piece of equipment for the bat
8. Vocal encouragement
9. Long skinny object
10. There are four in every game
11. Horizontal position for reaching base
12. One who can catch a high ball that's hit past all bases

ANSWERS: 1. foul; 2. home run; 3. pitcher; 4. strike; 5. umpire; 6. glove; 7. bat; 8. yell; 9. bat; 10. base; 11. slider; 12. outfielder

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- You could win one of many exciting prizes. Just send us an 8 1/2" x 11" drawing of your favorite person, place or thing at Busch Stadium by April 26, 1996.
- Rules: 1. Poster must feature an object or person found at the ballpark.
 2. Poster must be on white 8 1/2" x 11" paper.
 3. Each entry must be accompanied by a completed entry form (below).
 4. Entries must be postmarked by April 26, 1996.
 5. Employees and families of the St. Louis Cardinals, Alliance Blue Cross Blue Shield and the Suburban Journals are not eligible to enter the contest.
 6. Contest winners will be notified by May 3, 1996.

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Suburban Newspapers reserves the right to edit questions. Questions and answers will appear in the newspaper on a space available basis.

Children's screening offered

St. Elizabeth Medical Center and a local Shrine club are teaming up to provide a free health screening clinic for local children.

The clinic, co-sponsored by the hospital and the Tri-City Shrine Club, will be held from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 18, at the Koch Center at SEMC.

Shriners of North America sponsor a number of hospitals offering free expert orthopedic care and burn care to children under 18.

Problems regularly treated at Shriners Hospitals include club foot, scoliosis, hand and back problems, bowed legs, myelodysplasia (spina bifida), dislocated hips, missing arms or legs, and problems associated with burns.

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School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday — Breakfast: Sausage roll up, cup of cherries; lunch: Pizza, tater tots, chilled pears.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Scrambled egg, diced pears, toast; lunch: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with light dressing, cheese bread, fresh fruit.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Blueberry squares, banana; lunch: Barbecued rib on bun, baked beans, apple sauce.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cinnamon toast slices, sliced peaches; lunch: Chicken taco, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, slice of bread, fruit push-ups.

Friday — Breakfast: Cereal, toast, cinnamon apples; lunch: Sandwich on bun, macaroni and cheese, corn, mixed fruit.

Madison Public Schools
Monday — Breakfast: Cereal; lunch: Cheeseburger on bun, fries, apple sauce.

Granite City Public Schools
Monday — Breakfast: Honey buns, juice; lunch: Hamburger, gravy, whipped potatoes, spinach, pudding, bread.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Danish, juice; lunch: Pepper steak, broccoli and rice casserole, carrots, fruit slush, bread.

Thursday — Breakfast: Cereal; lunch: Fried chicken, whipped potatoes, green beans, gelatin, dinner roll.

Friday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, juice; lunch: Taco salad, Texas toast, corn, apple crisp.

Venice Public Schools
Monday — Breakfast: Breakfast snack, cup of raisins; lunch: Grilled cheese sandwich with ham, mixed vegetables, pineapple chunks.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Grits, ham, toast, juice; lunch: Burrito, Mexican corn, oven fries, fruit.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Banana and nut muffin or orange muffin; lunch: Hamburger, fries, apple sauce.

er and gravy over rice, green peas, carrots, gelatin with fruit, sliced bread.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pancakes, bacon, fruit cup; lunch: Chicken and noodles, buttered spinach, blueberry cupcake, sliced bread.

Friday — Breakfast: Cheerios, sliced ham; lunch: Tuna on lettuce and tomatoes, corn, chocolate cake, sliced bread.

Holy Family
Monday — Barbecued ham on bun, potato rounds, corn, pickles, cake.

Tuesday — Hot dog or chili dog on bun, cheese, carrot and celery sticks, peas.

Wednesday — Fried chicken, potatoes, gravy, mixed vegetables, bread, gelatin with fruit.

Thursday — Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese chunks, lettuce salad, bread, apple sauce.

Friday — Nachos with cheese sauce, chef salad, refried beans, peanut butter candy.

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Child safety workshop set

Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus, 4950 Maryville Road, will host Child Safety Night, a workshop on child safety for children and their parents, from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 22.

Last year, more than 200 children and their parents participated in Child Safety Night, said Diane Copeland, coordinator of GCC activities.

The event is free and open to the public.

Child Safety Night will include presentations by St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City Police Department, Madison County Health Department, Union Electric and Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville's Sexual Assault Prevention Program.

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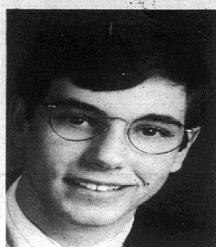
Chad Andrew Kleindorfer, a student at Granite City High School, has been named a Gateway Young Achiever.

Chad, 15, is the son of Mark and Susan Kleindorfer of the 2500 block of Ivy Lane in Granite City.

He was nominated for the award by GCHS Principal, David Painter. Young Achievers are honored for a combination of academic excellence, good citizenship and achievement in activities.

Chad has fulfilled all three criteria. Chad is a high honor roll student and has earned an honors program award, along with awards in math and photography.

He is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and also earned the Presidential Academic Fitness Award.



Chad Kleindorfer Award. He also is a member of the Connie Belin and Jacqueline N. Blank International Center for

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Among Chad's extracurricular activities are junior varsity captain of the school's scholar bowl team, math team, Science Club, Foreign Language Club and Knowledge Masters.

Outside of school, he is a member of the youth group at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, where he also is a member of the church choir, handbell choir and administrative board.

Chad also participates in volleyball, bowling and basketball leagues, and lists

politics as a personal interest. The Gateway Young Achievers program is sponsored by the *Suburban Journals* and the Gateway Leadership Network, a community-based organization of volunteers including parents, educators, business professionals and community leaders.

To be eligible for the honor, students must be in grades one through 11 and they must be from the St. Louis metropolitan area.

For more information or to nominate a student as a Young Achiever, write the Gateway Leadership Network at P.O. Box 18794, St. Louis MO 63144, or call 314-647-9300.

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Notice of Public Hearing on a Proposed State Implementation Plan ("SIP") Revision for the Maintenance Plan for the Granite City PM-10 Nonattainment Area.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Agency" or "Illinois EPA") will hold a public hearing on May 6, 1996, at 10:30 AM at the Harold Brown Recreation Center, Amos and Franklin, Granite City, Illinois.

The hearing will be held by the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air for the purpose of gathering comments prior to the submittal of the proposed SIP Revision for the Maintenance Plan for the Granite City PM-10 nonattainment area. The proposed SIP revision includes a maintenance plan and will satisfy the requirements of Sections 107(d)(3) and 175A of the Clean Air Act ("CAA"), as amended (42 U.S.C. 7407(d)(3) and 7459a). Illinois is proposing to request that U.S. Environmental Protection Agency redesignate the Granite City area from nonattainment area to attainment of the national ambient air quality standard for PM-10. As part of this request, Illinois is required pursuant to Section 175A of the CAA to submit a maintenance plan providing for continued attainment of the air quality standard for 10 years after the area has been redesignated to attainment.

Questions concerning the proposed maintenance plan and requests for copies may be directed to Rachel Doctors, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276, phone (217)524-3333.

Closure of the Hearing Record. The Hearing Record will close on May 13, 1996, and comments should be mailed to:

John Williams
Agency Hearing Officer
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
2200 Churchill Road, P.O. Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Comments need not be notarized and should be postmarked by mid-night, May 13, 1996.

The hearing will be held under the provisions of the Agency's "Procedures for the Informational and Quasi-Legislative Public Hearings" (35 Ill. Adm. Code 184). Any questions about the hearing procedures, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special needs interpreters should be directed to the Agency Hearing Officer at the above address or at the following phone numbers: (217)782-5544, and TDD (217)782-9143. Requests for special needs interpreters must be made by April 20, 1996.

Copies of the SIP revision are on file at the following offices of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency: Collinsville Office at 2009 Main Street, Collinsville, and Springfield Office at 1340 North Ninth Street, Springfield, as well as, the Granite City Public Library at 2001 Delmar Avenue, Granite City.

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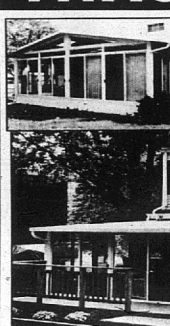
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Rabies clinic next Saturday

Dr. Timothy Holt and the staff of Bellemore Animal Hospital have scheduled a rabies clinic from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Association for the Protection of Animals, Old Route 3 in Granite City.

Vaccinations will be available for both dogs and cats. Prices for dogs are \$9 for rabies shot, \$8 for distemper, \$8 for parvovirus and \$5 for coronavirus. Prices for cats are \$9 for rabies, \$8 for distemper, \$8 for upper respiratory and \$10 for leukemia.

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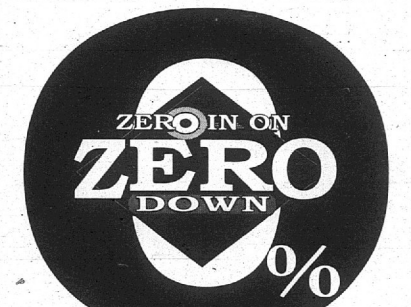
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Obituaries

Robert King

Robert E. King, 66, of Granite City died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, April 11, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He was born Nov. 5, 1929, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

A metallurgist with National Steel for 40 years prior to his retirement in January 1992, he was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Granite City and the Elks Lodge 1063 in Granite City. He was a Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley (Luebert) King, whom he married April 17, 1954; three sons, Kevin King of Concord, Calif., Richard King of Granite City and David A. King of Maryland Heights; three stepsons, Rodney, Fred and Jeff French, all of Granite City; two stepdaughters, Cynthia French of Collinsville and Sherry Murgic of Granite City; one brother, Charles King of Granite City; one sister, Mary Ellen Steilet of Fairfield, Calif.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Anna Merle King; and his parents, Harry John King and Nora Evelyn (Schmidt) King.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City, where an Elks service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 2300 Pontoon Road in Granite City, with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials in the form of Masses are suggested.

Nicholas Johnson

Nicholas C. Johnson, 54, of Granite City, formerly of East St. Louis, died at 3:40 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 1996, in Granite City. He was born Aug. 30, 1941, in St. Louis.

Employed with the Metro East District, American Zinc in Sauget, Ill., Chemical and Atomic Workers Local 7347, Metal Service in Madison and A-One Vacuum in Granite City, he was a member of Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Local 7347 and an Army veteran.

Survivors include his friend, Marjorie Johnson; four brothers, Thomas Johnson of Cahokia, Ronald Johnson of East St. Louis, Robert Johnson of Highland and Steven Johnson of Troy; and four sisters, Janet Johnson of Collinsville, Sharon Fonder of Belleville, Linda Snyder of Granite City and Martha Kay White of Maine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Martha (Matt) Johnson.

Services were Saturday at Cassidy Mortuary in Fairview Heights with the Rev. Douglas Nicely officiating. Burial will be in Lakeview Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials are requested for the Madison County Humane Society.

•Food

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would have made nonprofit organizations subject to the same fees as other food providers. Public outcry at a series of hearings and adamant opposition by some County Board members led to a plan to exempt nonprofit groups.

As now written, the ordinance would set permit fees ranging from \$25 for temporary food establishments that operate from two to 14 days to \$225 a year for restaurants and other businesses that prepare and store large quantities of foods. No fees would be charged churches and other nonprofit organizations, whatever the size or type of food operation.

Haine raised his concerns at what was to have been a meeting of the board's Health Department Committee, but only one committee member was present. Monday said there apparently was misunderstanding about the time of the meeting.

Writing and implementing food preparation regulations was one of the first big challenges undertaken by the Health Department.

Board members Rick Faccin of Alton and Nick Hamilos of Glen Carbon said constituents had contacted them with the kind of complaints that Haine is concerned about.

"Certain organizations (that sell food) make more in a week than some restaurants do in six months," Faccin said.

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Mildred Urban

Mildred (Rydyg) Urban, 80, of Highland, formerly of Collinsville, died at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 1996, in Granite City. She was born Dec. 26, 1915, in Madison.

A homemaker, she attended Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church in Madison and was a member of the Leaf Senior Citizen Club, Pleasant Grove Parent-Teacher Association, Home Extension Association, the Highland Homemakers Club and 4-H Club.

Paul Rydyg of Madison and son, a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader and a den mother.

Survivors include four sons, Patrick Rydyg of Collinsville, Ben S. Urban of Granite City, George A. Urban of Cambridge, Ill., and Charles A. "Chuck" Urban of Highland; one daughter, Paula S. Urban of Collinsville; two brothers, Andrew Rydyg of Granite City; two sisters, Teckla Misaelidis of Madison; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Pat P. Urban; one daughter, Patricia Urban; her parents, John and Mary (Urban) Rydyg; one sister, Mamie Bladdick; and two grandchildren.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, at Herr Funeral Home, 501 W. Main St. in Collinsville, where services are at 10 a.m. Monday with the Rev. F. Thomas Sacurotte officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Glen Carbon.

A Parasitas (vigil for the departed) will be held at 7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are requested for the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church in Granite City, or the Hospice of Madison County.

Helen Walters

Helen (Bostwick) Walters, 82, of Granite City died at 7:03 p.m. Tuesday, April 9, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born Jan. 21, 1914, in Granite City, where she had been a lifelong resident.

Owner of Bob's Flowers in Granite City for 50 years prior to her retirement in the late 1970s, she was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Granite City.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Lee Walters of Blue Springs, Mo., and Mary de Buhr of Downers Grove, Ill.; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert L. Walters, whom she married June 12, 1936, and who died Oct. 7, 1984; her parents, Ambrose Hoehne of Madison and Mary Louisa (Dasher) Bostwick; and three sisters, Thelma Miller, Laura Lewis and Martha Bostwick.

Services were Friday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

•Road

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million Triple G Galvalume facility. The street is marred with potholes — some of which are as large as two feet deep and three feet in diameter — and truck drivers are hesitant to use the road.

But environmental problems — specifically lead contamination — may have made the 16th Street improvement financially impractical, said Jeanune of Juneau Associates, the city's contractual engineer.

"An environmental survey has indicated there are varying degrees of lead contamination along the roadway," Juneau said. "Additional testing needs to be done to determine the concentrations and locations. But prior to authorizing that additional testing, the city may want to look at truck route alternatives."

The environmental problem could cost anywhere from \$400,000 to \$1.6 million to eliminate, Juneau said.

He said the specific location and concentration of contamination has not been determined.

But 16th Street passes within 10 feet of a 290,000-ton, 30-acre pile of scrap lead and battery casings. As one point, only a chain link fence stands between the lead pile and the street.

The U.S. EPA, which is in the middle of a \$35 million cleanup of lead in the area around the scrap pile, initially said the pile posed no threat to the environment or human health. After groundwater beneath the lead mountain was discovered to contain high concentrations of lead, U.S. EPA amended its cleanup plan and decided to cap the pile with clay, dirt and grass and to install pumps beneath the pile to extract and treat contaminated water.

Removal of the lead pile would cost about \$35 million, according to U.S. EPA.

Juneau said that representatives from the city, county, IDOT and Granite City Steel met April 3 to discuss the 16th Street situation, and that the state and county are willing to keep funds available for the project.

Juneau has recommended that city officials consider changing the truck route to the Granite City Steel south plant and utilize the available funds to improve roads along the new route.

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Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Lewis Trotter, officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Betty Bladdick

Betty Ann (DeGonia) Bladdick, 55, of Granite City died at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 10, 1996, at her residence. She was born Aug. 5, 1940, in DeSoto, Mo., and had been a resident of Granite City for most of her life.

A matron with Granite City School District 9 for 25 years, she was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City, registered City Eagles Auxiliary 1125, AMVETS Auxiliary in Madison and former Employee Local 88.

Survivors include her former husband, James David Bladdick Sr. of Granite City; four sons, James J. Bladdick, Jerry and Joel Bladdick, all of Granite City; one daughter, Justina Green of Granite City; two brothers, Donald DeGonia of Texas and Dean DeGonia of Arkansas; four sisters, Norma Bladdick of Collinsville, Ill., and Mary Johnson, both of Granite City; and Donna Denor-mandie of Missouri; and nine grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Myrtle (Maness) DeGonia; and one sister, Bonnie Kay DeGonia.

Services were Saturday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Robert DeGrand officiating. Burial was in Buck Road Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Private family graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Hospice of Madison County.

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Survivors include one son, Eric David Kraus; one daughter, Stephanie Kraus; his mother, Veronica (Mikulicz) Kraus of Granite City; one brother, Peter Kraus of Granite City; and one sister, Patricia Randall of Granite City.

Donald Gallia

Donald Gallia, 42, of Granite City died Friday, April 12, 1996, in St. Louis. He was born Jan. 27, 1954, in Granite City, where he had been a lifelong resident.

Mr. Gallia was of the Pentecostal faith.

Survivors include five sons, Donald and Walter Gallia, all of Glen Carbon, Randy Graham of Granite City and Danny Graham of Indiana; one daughter, Debbie Goodrich of Granite City; his parents, Raymond and Donna (Atwood) Graham of Glen Carbon; and two sisters, Deborah McCallister and Cynthia Selph, both of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his father, Joe Gallia Jr.

Arrangements are pending with Werner Chapel for Funeral Home to arrive in Pontoon Beach, 787-1009.

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Horoscope

Sunday, April 14
 As Mars is in its own sign of Aries, this is a week when aggressive, powerful, in-your-face actions will bring success to those bold enough to use them. Leaders who buck trends find immediate support. Those in sales and inventors looking for funding have their best week ever. For the romantic at heart, it's Rhet Butler time: Grand romantic gestures work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 Love comes from all directions, including from relatives and estranged friends. Try to keep economic considerations apart from marriage decisions. Ditch disloyal friends. Allow a loved one more freedom.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 A financial maze must be navigated. Top advisers may not be sincere. Juggle your work schedule early — compromises come. Get out of your romantic routine. Spend time alone with your current love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
 Priceless opportunities allow you to dream about what could be. Little favors produce goodwill that leads to career

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and job success. In love, play hard to get. Others try hoaxes — don't be gullible. Refuse to take abuse.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
 A bruised ego is healed when you face a conflict. Mediators side with you. Romantic assumptions are only partially correct. Stop evading a foe — face-to-face confrontations bring luck and vindication. Call a former love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 Be a stickler — follow the rules. Others are sizing you up. Chance encounters, blind dates and attending social events bring love. Eleventh-hour decisions are best. Increased social status and clout adds to your income.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 14)
 This is a year when you must choose between creative acclaim and financial progress. Concentrate efforts in one area as this leads to new plateaus of success. Good fortune comes from painting, writing and building. Money comes in September from new businesses geared toward youth. Raises are offered in August. Travel in May. Scorpions and Sagittarians are new loves. Marry in '97.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 Unfinished business saps your creativity. Slighting a current love today undoes all past good deeds. Joint activities, ventures or travels with Capricorns are lucky. Brothers and sisters need your advice — not your money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
 Go first class if you want to be accepted in a new social circle. It pays to be kind and generous to a former love. Others expect favors to be returned. Timing in love is off — back off from promises. Commitments are overly costly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
 By adhering to traditions, you solidify your position. Former loves and a family reconciliation convince you to

make permanent romantic plans. Realign your financial priorities — partners are not doing their fair share.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 Impulses are costly. Wait some time before recklessly phoning someone who makes you angry. Romance needs nurturing — not criticism. Ask key questions. Secure promises, then don't postpone requests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 How you look matters. People judge via first impressions. Don't ask more of yourself than is reasonable. Sudden money allows you to buy time-saving appliances. Take a vacation — getting away is lucky.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 Others accept you. Marginal relationships turn serious. Vouch for a co-worker. Your career progresses. A compromise goes against your instincts. Forget the rules. Entertain with an open house.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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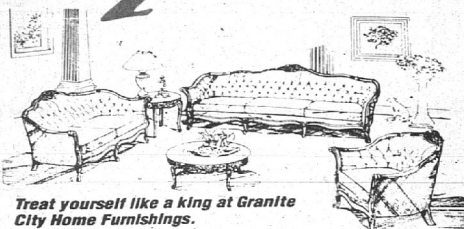
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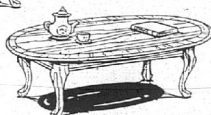
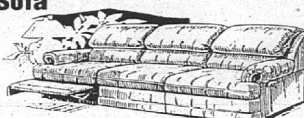
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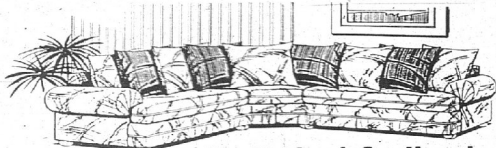
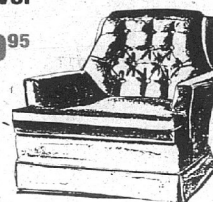
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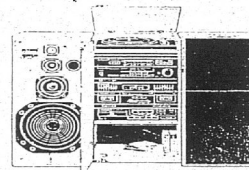
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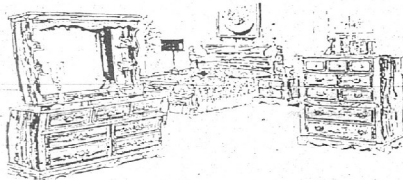


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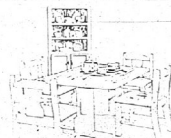
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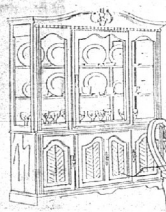
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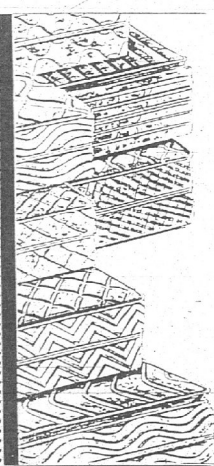
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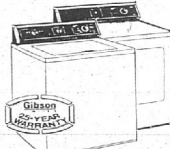
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BASKETBALL

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Art Voellinger

Controversy over anthem sign of times

As I stood with head bowed at the recent St. Clair County Teachers Institute at Belleville East and listened to an invocation given by Dr. Bruce Adams, superintendent of High Mount School District No. 118, I wondered...

And, as I stood at attention in the packed Lancers gymnasium for the pledge of allegiance and then playing of the national anthem by the Creburg High stage band, I observed many with hand over heart. Again, I wondered...

Moments later as keynote speaker Guy R. Doud, a former National Teacher of the Year, made slight reference to "wearing a T-shirt" (as in the T-shirts that caused controversy at the annual Belleville West High School benefit donkey basketball game), I wondered...

You see, it's my guess there are some folks who do not think an invocation should be given at a meeting of teachers since prayer is taboo in public school. These same types might include some who believe the playing of the anthem is controversial while others, no doubt, feel students having fun should be allowed to wear whatever they want when playing with donkeys.

Yet, as I appreciated the well-chosen words of Dr. Adams, including reference to "The Lord," I watched as several teachers and administrators sang the anthem with the band and then listened to Mr. Doud say:

"Some things have not changed and those are the things of the heart."

My fear is that we are losing something, not just those of us in education but as a society. Mr. Doud (of Brainerd, Minn.) referred to the usual individual differences and self-esteem, but he also noted that you cannot follow a curriculum solely but must have a hidden curriculum. Again, I wondered...

To me, that curriculum is the common sense approach that I developed as a youngster with obvious adult influence.

How well I remember my father, who was crippled donning a hat and coat of his brothers who had served in the Army and Navy in World War II. Pop (as I referred to him) cried. He could not be called to military duty, but his respect for his country never waned any more than his respect for God.

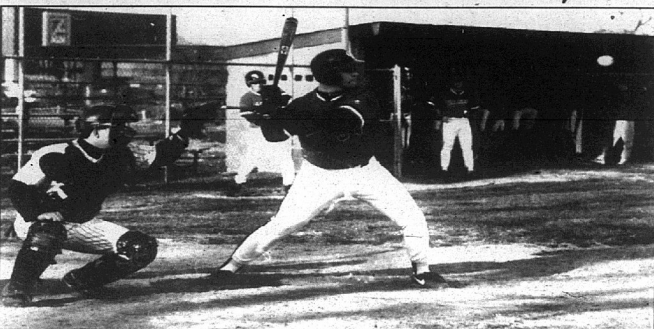
Pop's solution for a professional basketball player not wanting to stand for the anthem would have been to be dismissed from the team or trade to a league city out of the United States — like Toronto.

Regarding those concerned with prayer and the proper place for it, he would have pointed out that all persons are capable of self-prayer with or without bowing a head or closing eyes via a simple faculty called the mind.

For the West students wearing shirts displaying a donkey, peace sign and the words "Madd Ass," Pop would have asked if students were warned beforehand to get the OK for the shirts.

Seems simple, doesn't it? However, as I view today's schools, where locked doors increase with the increase in thefts, where uniforms are proposed to replace the donkey clothing and game membership displays, I wonder...

Warriors rebound, battle past West



Ryan Relleke leans into the pitch during Tuesday's game against Belleville East. Relleke hit a solo homer in the Warriors' 3-2 victory over Belleville West on Thursday.

Niepert finding groove with GCHS

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Bill Niepert was forced into a tough situation last year, but now that experience is paying off in a big way. Niepert, Granite City's senior pitcher-outfielder, was put in some tough situations last season as a junior. Forced into a starting role because of injuries, Niepert responded with at least two clutch performances late last season.

He pitched strongly in picking up wins against Collinsville late in the Southwestern Conference schedule, and again versus Clivie Memorial in the postseason.

"Bill was put into a situation which he shouldn't have been," GCHS coach Gus Lignout said. "But he responded very well. He did everything we asked and more. Because of that, he was named as captain this year."

"I got a lot of experience last year," said Niepert, 18. "Those two big wins helped me a lot. It was a tough role for me, but it gave me a lot of experience that I can use this year."

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— Bill Niepert
GCHS senior

Right now, Niepert is performing well on the mound and at the plate. He is 3-1 on the mound, and really has not pitched a bad game. His only loss came last week against Belleville East, and he still feels he pitched well in that game. It was errors that cost the Warriors in that contest.

At the plate, Niepert's .461 average leads Granite City. In fact, he hit his first home run of the season Thursday at Belleville West, helping the

GCHS tightens SWC race with 3-2 win over Maroons

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Let's see now...Belleville West beat Belleville East. And then Belleville East beats Granite City. But on Thursday, Granite City beat West. So who's the best baseball team in the Southwestern Conference, Collinsville?

Maybe, but the Kahoks were defeated by East on Thursday.

With six weeks left in the regular season, there is no way to tell at this point who the best baseball team in the conference is. The only thing for certain is that it's a great conference.

Granite City 3, Belleville West 2	200	100	0	0
Granite City 1, Belleville East 0	200	0	2	0
Granite City 1, Belleville West 0	200	0	0	0

Possibly, the scenario could get even more muddled Thursday when Collinsville visits Granite City. But that's later this week. Right now, the Warriors can relish in their 3-2 win at West, which kept GCHS in the conference picture. After East defeated Collinsville on Thursday, four teams stood atop the SWC with matching 2-1 records.

"It's really going to be a dogfight this year," said GCHS coach Gus Lignout. "We've got four very good teams in this conference right now. In the (See WARRIORS, Page 3B)

Kickers blank Alton, up mark to 6-1-1

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City Lady Warriors remained unbeaten since their opening-day loss to Incarnate Word, as they blanked Alton 1-0 Thursday in a Southwestern Conference match in Alton.

"That game capped off a strong week for the young Lady Warriors (6-1-1), who defeated previously unbeaten O'Fallon 2-1 on Wednesday."

Junior forward Carrie Simpson helped lead the Lady Warriors to both victories. The tri-captain set up both Granite City goals in the O'Fallon game — one by Rachel Kennerly and the game-winner by Tara Tomlinson — and scored an unassisted goal to beat Alton on Thursday.

Granite City 1, Alton 0	10	0
GCHS — Carrie Simpson (unassisted), 35:00.	0	0

No Scoring.

GCHS — Shots on Goal	7	5	12
ALTON — Corner Kicks	2	4	6
GCHS — Goals	8	3	9
ALTON — Goals	0	2	2
Goalkeepers — GCHS: Shannon Roth (6 shots, 5 saves).			

"Carrie scored the nice goal, and she's been stepping up for us," said GCHS coach Gene Baker. "We've got the shut-out from Shannon Roth, and strong play on defense from Jennifer Willman and of course Connie Meyers. Our defense is playing quite well at this point."

The Lady Warriors have given up just one goal in their last three games. Before defeating O'Fallon, Granite City tied Belleville East 0-0 on Tuesday.

That game featured a disputed goal by the Lady Warriors. The goal was disallowed and Baker and assistant coach Virgil Kirksey were both given red cards.

That's why Baker was not at the O'Fallon game, which mainly pits the veteran-coach and Panthers coach David Ames, a Granite City resident, is Baker's assistant coach with the boys' soccer team at GCHS.

Both coaches were asked if things are different when the two face each other.

"This one was certainly different, because I wasn't there," Baker said. "But I still prepared the girls for facing the O'Fallon team."

"It's a little different," Ames said. "I don't consciously think about the fact that Gene is on the sidelines. I just look at it as facing a good program. We at O'Fallon want to be considered among the best, so we have to play the best."

"I guess we probably have a pretty good idea of what each other is thinking about, Gene (See KICKERS, Page 4B)

Nizinski helps key kickers' turnaround

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

It's been quite a season thus far for Amanda Nizinski and the Granite City girls soccer team.

The team has recovered splendidly from an opening-season loss to Incarnate Word and has not lost since. And the play of Nizinski has paralleled that rise.

Nizinski has turned on the offense, and turned up the defense, forcing Granite City coach Gene Baker to add her name to the list of team captains. Then on the afternoon of April 2, just hours before GCHS was scheduled to battle conference rival Collinsville, something else happened.

Nizinski and two other players, Connie Meyers and Kristen Knox, were involved in a car accident as they were leaving a drive-through restaurant in Granite City.

The accident was serious enough that the van the three were riding in, plus the other car involved, were both totaled. But the three Lady Warriors were basically unharmed, and all three eventually played in the Collinsville game — which

the Lady Warriors won 2-0 in overtime.

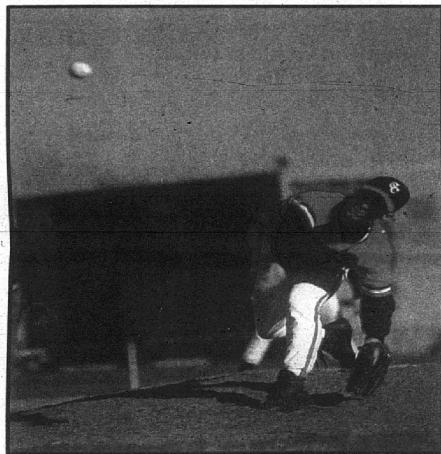
So Nizinski's combination of offense, defense and perseverance was more than enough to qualify her for this week's Illinois

Journal Athlete of the Week.

"I think I've been doing pretty well, but it's still a surprise," she said of the honor. "As a team, I think we've done pretty well, too. Especially considering we're a small team, and kind of young."

(See NIZINSKI, Page 4B)

Roxana. But there are plenty of encouraging signs for the Lady Warriors, especially after they played well for the most part in games against Belleville East and West. Against West on Thursday, the Lady Warriors fell 5-0. But take away the five-run second inning by West, and one has a



Bill Niepert has a team-leading .461 batting average to go along with his 3-1 record this season.



Amanda Nizinski has a goal and five assists with the Lady Warriors this season.

Lady Warriors staying upbeat despite slow start

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Lady Warriors are knocking on the door. No one's let them in yet, but they're still knocking.

The Granite City softball team is 1-5 on the season, and hasn't won since its opener at

Belleville West 5, Granite City 0. WEST GCHS 200 000 0-5 5 0 0 BELLEVILLE WEST: Rust 1-4, Goodwin 1-3, Hensberg 1-4, Lester 1-3, Lister 1-3, WP-Lester 1-7, H3, R4, ER4, BB4, SO4. GRANITE CITY: Adkins 1-3, Tongue 1-3, Rollins 1-2, LP-Quinn 1-7, H4, R4, ER4, BB2, SO4.

very competitive game. "We're not quite getting that

door open," said GCHS coach Debbie Germann. "But we're close. Actually, the last three coaches that we've faced have all said that they see a difference in our team. And that's a credit to the kids. They've worked hard and done every thing we've asked them to do." (See GCHS, Page 4B)

All-Stars to square off at McKendree

The annual Southwestern Illinois Milton Wiley Memorial All-Star Basketball games will be held today at the Melvin Price Convocation Center on the campus of McKendree College in Lebanon.

The Class AA boys game will be played at 2:30 p.m. and the Class A boys game at 4:30 p.m. and the girls game at 4:30 p.m. Tickets, sold at the door only, are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students, with net proceeds going to the Milton Wiley Memorial Fund. Doors will open at noon.

Players who have been invited to the game are listed below. Some may not be able to play because of conflicts with other all-star games.

CLASS AA BOYS
West squad: Lance Barnes, Belleville East; Roy King, Belleville West; Daimon Mosley, Belleville West; Charles Manning, Lincoln; Derrick Clay, East St. Louis; Lawaun Powell, East St. Louis; Dunde Moton, East St. Louis; Joe Smith, Edwardsville; Fontez DeBerry, Cahokia; Jay Simpson, Granite City; Steve Logan, Granite City; Craig Walter, Collinsville; Andy McFall, Collinsville; Derek Dust, Collinsville; Melvin Cochran, Collinsville. Coach: Colton Brown, East St. Louis Sr. (assistant).

CLASS A BOYS
East squad: Jeremy Rainwater, Triad; Josh Cigliana, Triad; Nathan Taylor, Triad; Hoffman, Highland; Jason Frey, Highland; Tom Wells, Highland; Nathan Rueter, Highland; Nick Stoller, Highland; Civic Memorial; Toby Ferguson, Mascoutah; Jason Brunson, Jerseyville; Darius Cunningham, Centralia; Tyrone Jones, Centralia. Coach: Jeff Faulkenberg, Highland.

CLASS A BOYS
West squad: Eric Schwehr, Lebanon; Nick Lange, Freeburg; Lyle Krampner, Freeburg; Jason Glanzer, Freeburg; Mark Janssen, Freeburg; Scott Wuller, Alhaff; Brett Haake, Alhaff; Brett Butler, Lovejoy; DeAnthony Young, Lovejoy; Charlie Kennedy, Venice; Charlie Thomas, Gibault; Gary Spiller, Metro East Lutheran; Mark Nelson, Metro East Lutheran. Coach: TBA.

GIRLS GAME
North squad: Denise McMillan, Granite City; Crystal Tarr, Collinsville; Becky Lane, Collinsville; Rainy Osoola, Collinsville; Kelly Russell, Collinsville; Jill Hennegan, Alton; Tori Cox, Alton; Amy Mortenson, Jerseyville; Paula Hawkins, Jerseyville; Laurie Beckman, Triad; Carrie Drake, Edwardsville; Rai Williams, Greenville; Cybil Wall, Greenville; Amy Henke, Mater Dei; Sharon Pollman, Carlyle; Laura Buss, Highland.

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESE)

GCHS shortstop Kyle Briggs retires a Belleville East runner at second base. The Warriors are scheduled to face Southwestern Conference foe East St. Louis on Tuesday.

Sports shorts

SIUE camps
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville will offer baseball and softball camps for youths on two different experience levels in June.

A baseball fundamentals camp, for ages 7-13, will be held 9-11:30 a.m. June 10-14. The cost is \$65. A baseball advanced camp, for ages 10-18, will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. June 17-20. The cost is \$100. Youths may participate in both camps for \$150.

The softball camps are for sixth through eighth graders. A fundamentals camp will be held 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 10-11. The cost is \$60 and includes lunch. A softball pitching camp will offer two sessions June 13-14: for beginners from 9:30 a.m.-noon; and for advanced players from 1-4 p.m. The cost is \$55.

Also scheduled is a speed and flexibility camp for all sports from 6-8 p.m. June 10-14, and the cost is \$50. SIUE's athletic facilities. For more information, call 692-2960.

PSG kickoff reception
Steve Miller, director of sports marketing for Nike, Inc., will serve as the keynote speaker for the Prairie State Games Kickoff Reception on Sunday, April 28 at St. Clair Square's center court.

Miller, a native of Illinois and a graduate of both Bradley University in Peoria (B.S. 1965) and Governors State University in Park Forest (M.A. 1970), has been with Nike since 1991 and also has served as the company's director of international sports marketing.

Prior to joining Nike, Miller served as athletic director at Kansas State University (1988 to 1991), executive director of the Pennsylvania State Olympics (1987-88), associate athletic director at Kansas State Uni-

versity (1985-87) and men's and women's track and cross country coach at Kansas State (1981-85) and California Polytechnic University (1976-81).

In 1988, Miller was a team leader at the Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. He is a five-time recipient of the NCAA Coach of the Year award, a member of the Bradley University Hall of Fame, and he has more than 20 years of experience lecturing at more than 400 colleges and universities, high schools, businesses and professional organizations both nationally and internationally.

KTVI Channel 2 sports director Pete Peterson will also be on hand to serve as master of ceremonies.

The kickoff reception will begin at 7 p.m. and will include a brief program followed by a sports auction. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information, call the PSG office at 632-1002.

Ameritech Gateway Cup
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Warriors

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past you'd always have two teams, or maybe three that were good, but to have four outstanding teams says something about this conference."

And it should be added that the Warriors' solid play on Thursday says something about their team. After a terrible game against East on Tuesday, when Murphy's Law came back and played a solid game at West. It had to in order to win.

"Defensively, we played pretty well," Lignoul said. "And we swung the bats well. Offensively, we were very aggressive. We hit some balls hard for a change, and we hit some hard that their defense made good plays on."

"It was just an excellent baseball game, with two good teams."

But there was one difference on Thursday that secured the win for Granite City, and that was senior pitcher Justin Bettor. Bettor did give up two runs—the first in more than 10 innings and the second on a walk—but he only gave up three hits in winning his third game of the season against no defeats.

"He pitched well again," Lignoul said. "He gave up an unearned run last weekend

against Mount Vernon, but he's just been throwing very well. We asked him after (Thursday's) game how his arm felt, and he said it was fine. We're very pleased with his progress, and he's beginning to get some attention from people at the next level."

Lignoul was talking about college scouts, which would be quite a turnaround for Bettor if he can stay healthy. Injuries were the only thing that slowed him down last season.

Offensively, the Warriors clicked with the long ball on Thursday, getting a huge two-run shot off the bat of Bill Niepert, and another solo shot from Ryan Relleke—his third of the year.

"Niepert's just about our best hitter right now," Lignoul said. "He's really been hitting the ball hard. He had another solid hit besides the homer tonight. It's good to see Ryan hitting the ball hard, too. There were other solid hits, and some of the outs we made were hard hit balls."

Next up for GCHS are SWC games against East St. Louis (Tuesday) and Collinsville (Thursday)—sandwiched by a Wednesday trip to Desmet.

Next weekend, the Warriors will hold the Round Robin Tournament. The field includes Jerseyville, Civic Memorial and Greenville.

Heckel (Crab, Orchard Golf Course), Jeff Hunter (St. Clair Country Club), Jim Knoesel (A.L. Gustin Golf Course), Rob Sedorek (Terre du Lac Country Club), Steve Spray (St. Louis Country Club), Jerry Tucker (Belleville Country Club) and Mike Tucker (Belleville Country Club). This captain is Jeff Smith, executive director of the Gateway PGA.

Competition starts Friday, May 17 with foursome alternate matches beginning at 8:30 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. The afternoon will proceed with best-ball matches beginning at 12:30 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. The tournament will conclude on Saturday, May 18 with singles matches beginning at 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m.

For more information, call the Gateway PGA office at (314) 981-4994.

Niepert

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Warriors to a 3-2 win. "I've been happy with the way I've been swinging the bat," Niepert said. "It felt good to finally get one to go over the fence."

"I've struggled all through high school at the plate. But I've gotten the chance to bat more this year, and right now I feel good at the plate."

Niepert said he feels little pressure to produce. He sits in the middle of a lineup with solid hitters, and with the depth of the GCHS pitching staff, he knows he doesn't have to be the man every time out.

"I think our pitching staff is underrated," he said. "All the other teams in the conference are talking about their pitching, but ours is as good as anybody's."

"As long as we keep swinging the bats, and playing the good defense, I think we have a shot at the conference."

Niepert added he believes any one of four teams could win the conference, including the Warriors. He said the Warriors know they can beat West, and they know if they play better than they did last week they can beat East as well. The Warriors do not see Collinsville until Thursday.

He said he was not sure if he would pitch against the Kahoks, or if teammate Justin Bettor would make the start.

"I know Justin always pitches well against them. But whoever it is, we'll be ready for them," Niepert said. "We're looking forward to that game."

Niepert, the son of Bill and Dana Niepert of Granite City, said he is definitely interested in playing at the college level. Whether he will be pitching is still to be decided.

But he said he'd be happy staying close to the St. Louis area, and although he would prefer a four-year school, a junior college wouldn't be out of the question.

"I'm considering Fontbonne College right now," he said, "and I've talked to Darin (Hendrickson) a lot."

Hendrickson, a Granite City native, is the head baseball coach and assistant athletic director at Fontbonne.

"I want to pitch," Niepert said. "I'm still looking, but I just want to play somewhere where I'll be able to play."

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GCHS junior Carrie Simpson scored the Lady Warriors' lone goal in Thursday's win over Alton.

•Nizinski

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Youth is definitely the optimum word when describing the Lady Warriors. There are no returning seniors on the team, so the juniors have to be the leaders.

Nizinski said she does whatever she can to help the younger players, but she was still surprised when she was asked to be tri-captain.

"She was doing such a great job defending the other team's best players, that we had to make her a captain," said veteran Granite City coach Gene Baker. "She's been doing so many things for us."

Nizinski, who will turn 17 in August, has been playing soccer since age 4 — when she competed on the Pepsi team in the Quad-Cities Soccer Association.

She said she started out as a keeper, but has played nearly every position on the field

between that time and her junior year in high school.

Now she patrols the midfield, and although she's scored a goal and added five assists so far this season, her main job is to mark the opposition's main threat.

"I try to score, but mostly the coach has me playing a defensive midfield," she said. "I shadow the other team's big scorers. I like the role, and it's easy in a way because you always know which player you have to mark."

"I was surprised to be named captain, but I was very happy about it, too. I'll just keep trying to get everybody to be together. That's what we have to do if we want to be successful. We have to play together."

Nizinski said she was still somewhat in shock during the Collinsville game. She said she had a hard time focusing on the game itself. But after a

•Kickers

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knows what to expect from me, and I have an idea of what he'll try to do, and I prepare my players for that."

The 2-1 loss to Granite City was the first of the year for O'Fallon, which was 5-1-1 entering Thursday's game against Cahokia. Ames said that like Granite City, he has a young team that has yet to come together.

"I don't think I've found the right combination yet," Ames said. "That was our first loss, but I've not been satisfied with what I've seen yet."

Baker's team is 6-0-1 since its loss to Incarnate in the first game of the year. He said his team may be finally coming together the way he thought it could.

The Lady Warriors will have a chance to find out just how far they have come when they travel to Howell North High School in St. Charles to play in the St. Dominic Tournament next week.

The Lady Warriors will play in a group with Incarnate, Word St. Joseph's and Duchesne. GCHS will play pool games on Monday, April 22, Wednesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 25.



(Staff photo by T.L. WITT)

Mascoutah's Cara Pryor tags out Chrissy Greathouse at first base during last week's game.

•GCHS

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In that fateful second inning, West had just two hits. But throw in five GCHS errors, and it turned disastrous.

Against East — the defending Class AA state champions — on Tuesday, Granite City lost 7-2 to the mighty Lancers. But that has to be considered a respectable score. Granite City led 2-1 in the third inning.

After East had tied the score, GCHS got the first two outs in the fifth inning. But after a pair of walks and errors, East had a 4-2 lead and went on to the victory.

"Against the state champs, to even be in the game with them means something to me," Germann said. "We are still making those errors, and we do need to cut down on the walks by our pitchers."

"But in both of those games,

Jennifer (Willis) pitched pretty well. West had only five hits." Meanwhile, West's Stephanie Lester shut out the Lady Warriors on just three hits. Jill Ahlvers, Erin Tongay and Emilee Kollins were the only players to hit safely.

Ahlvers is back to 100 percent after a slight injury, and is once again catching.

"I thought about moving her to the outfield, but she and Jennifer are working so well together with the pitchers — and she's also throwing runners out at second base," Germann said. "But I'm not going to move things around."

Overall, Germann says, the Lady Warriors just need a win. "We have to learn to execute in given situations, and we have to get our bats going," she said.

"Even though we're 1-5, there's still a lot of positives."

•Stars

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South squad: Lindsay Welter, Belleville East; Jennifer Dalao, Belleville East; Rochelle Whitehorn, Belleville East; Sarah Emke, Belleville West; Dawn McDonald, Belleville West; Sherita Watson, East St. Louis; Reneeka Gause, East St. Louis; Tiffany Maines, Centralia; Jill Gomrie, Althoff; Sarah Woolsey, Althoff; Tiffany Farley, Althoff; Courtney Johnston, Althoff; Lisa Reinhardt, Red Bud; Patty Donley, Gibault; Joda Shields, O'Fallon; Cheme Fairlie, O'Fallon; Marsha Thompson, O'Fallon; Sarah Jones, Mascoutah.

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Briefly

House, garden tour trip

A one-day trip will be made on Saturday, May 4, to the Central West End in St. Louis for the annual House and Garden Tour.

The tour this year has been titled "Meet Me in St. Louis," as most of the homes to be toured were built as a result of the 1904 World's Fair in nearby Forest Park.

The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. from Wilson Park. The morning will be spent touring the homes with lunch at one's choice of the many restaurants, sidewalk cafes or tents set up by the St. Louis Bread Company. After the home tour, the group will stop in Forest Park for a visit to the Jewel Box, which will be featuring impatiens, petunias and other annuals appropriate for the home garden.

The cost of the trip is \$26.50 per person and includes the bus transportation, house tour and admission to the Jewel Box. Reservations can be made at the Wilson Park office until Tuesday, April 23.

Divorce workshop planned

Coping with separation or divorce is often difficult, but when you are a parent, it becomes even more of a challenge. Saint Elizabeth Health Services' School Consultation Services offers a workshop for those who need to learn more about dealing with parenting and divorce.

The workshop, "Single Again: Balancing Needs and Responsibilities," will be presented from 8:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, in the Wisconsin Room, on the first floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave.

Learn about recovering from divorce and how to remain an effective parent at the same time — often the parent's individual needs clash with the needs of the children and the responsibilities of parenting.

This workshop is part of the Parent Survival Skills '96 program, offered by the School Consultation Services of SEHS' Behavioral Health System. Parents Survival Skills is a wellness program that provides school-based psychotherapy and other behavioral health intervention to students who are experiencing emotional, social, family or academic problems.

To attend, register by calling 346-6216 before Tuesday, April 16.

Health fair Saturday

A health fair, sponsored by the Community Care Center of the Protestant Welfare Association and St. John Lutheran Church, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 20, at the Granite City Township Hall, 2050 Delmar Ave. in Granite City.

The public is invited to take part in health promotion activities, including: blood cholesterol screenings, blood pressure screenings, blood glucose screenings and pulmonary function testing.

Representatives from various health-related activities and organizations will be available and will include specialists in Alzheimer's, cancer, chemical dependency (drug and alcohol), children's health, lung-related diseases, osteoporosis, a registered dental hygienist, Southwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging (SWIAAA) and stress reduction, as well as other health promotion information.

Also represented will be the Granite City Fire Department, covering fire safety.

Admission to the health fair is free and open to the public.



Save the turtles — Elizabeth Hall, right, a sixth grade teacher at Niedringhaus Elementary School in Granite City, recently presented a program entitled, "Saving Loggerhead Turtles in Georgia" to the Gateway East Illinois Chapter 1097 of Phi Delta Kappa, an international education honorary. Hall's interest in the Loggerhead turtles began when she was taking courses at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. She was on a marine biology field study trip on the east coast of Georgia when she heard about the Loggerheads. She wrote to the Savannah Science Museum, the sponsor of the Caretta Caretta project. Caretta Caretta is the scientific name for Loggerhead. Hall has participated in the Caretta Caretta project for six years. At left is Dr. Goni Michaeloff, president of Gateway East Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

St. Elizabeth going high tech

When the doors open next school year in August, St. Elizabeth students will use state-of-the-art technology.

Teachers will become facilitators in the learning process by integrating computer-aided instruction into their curriculum. Both students and teachers will learn together.

The goal is to offer the best educational opportunity for all students to reach their full potential and to allow each to learn with excitement, a sense of discovery and a sense of wonder. In January, the Computer Technology Committee presented a three-year, phase-in plan to upgrade technology at St. Elizabeth by introducing a new 15-workstation IBM/IBM compatible lab, networked into a LAN (Local Area Network). It is the plan of the school to enhance the lab to 30 workstations.

Currently, all students spend time in lab working on the Apple computer. The Apple computers have served the school well over 20 years and will continue to do so at the lower-grade level for rote learning and practice skills.

The plan is to implement the IBMs in the upper grade levels at first, and then, eventually, afford all grade levels time in the new lab when expanded to 30 workstations. Eventually, every student (preschool through eighth grade) will have technology at their fingertips.

"If Catholic education is to thrive in the 21st Century, it is important to think anew about schooling, teaching and learning. Even more important is the need to lead the communications revolution rather than attempting to restrain it. Technology is no longer a luxury for the few, but a necessity for the many. We cannot ensure tomorrow's future with yesterday's technology," said Alicia D. Poetker, director of development and chairperson of the committee for the computer lab. "It has been exciting to work with all the people of St. E's, on a project that will carry us gracefully into the 21st Century."

Thanks goes out to the Knights of Columbus, Illinois Power, IBM and many dedicated parents, administrators and parish members at St. Elizabeth. The plan will unfold this summer.

Births

Yates

Travis and Roxana Yates of East Alton have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Ashton Nicole was born at 8:59 a.m. on March 17, 1996, at Anderson Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 1/2 ounce. Maternal grandparents are Jim and Charlotte Ashley of Glen Carbon.

Paternal grandparents are Lanny and Alice Yates of Edwardsville.

Gurlein

Dennis and Jill Gurlein of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Taylor Ann was born at 5 p.m. on March 17, 1996, at Anderson Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Dewey and Karen Melton of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Pat Gurlein of Granite City.

Taylor joins Ashley, 6.

Guetersloh

Ken and Jill Guetersloh of Collinsville have announced the birth of their second child, a daughter.

Jennifer Ann was born at 5:45 p.m. on March 18, 1996, at Anderson Hospital and weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and June Evislizer of Shattuc.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Carole Guetersloh of Hoffman.

Jennifer joins Meghan, 4.

Childs

Duane and Gina Childs of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a daughter.

Deidre Nicole was born at 5:01 p.m. on March 22, 1996, at Anderson Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Virginia Dickerman of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Dennis and Kay Childs of East Alton.

Deidre joins Devin, 7 and

Dakota, 4.

Szedlar

Bill and Becky Szedlar of Dorsey have announced the birth of their fourth child, a daughter.

Hanna Kae was born at 5:53 p.m. on March 22, 1996, at Anderson Hospital and weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are William and Norma Whitaker of Glen Carbon.

Paternal grandparents are William and Karen Szedlar of Granite City.

Hannah joins Craig, 15,

Sean, 12 and Lauren, 10.

Day

Tony and Teresa Day of Granite City have announced the birth of their third child, a son.

Corey Tyler was born at 3:34 a.m. Jan. 2, 1996, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and weighed 5 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are Clarence and Martha Jarman of Palmyra, Tenn. Paternal grandmother is Pat Webb of Van Buren, Mo.

Corey joins Martha Day, 14,

and Paul Day, 10.

Walters

Charles Walters of East St. Louis and LaCanya Boyd of Madison have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Toriente Malik Walters was born at 3:57 a.m. March 4, 1996, at Wood River Township Hospital in Wood River and weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

His grandparents are Royce Boyd and Mary White, both of Madison.

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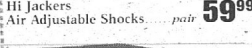
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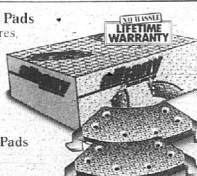
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New Shop 'n Save opens

By Rosemary Hicks
Staff writer

Shop 'n Save officials were all smiles Wednesday at the grand opening of the grocery chain's newest store in Belleville.

Company President Bob Pattillo and other top executives were on hand at the new store on Carlyle Avenue as the ribbon was cut and the doors opened to the public.

"We have wanted to open a store on this side of Belleville for awhile," said Randy Reddick, regional vice president. "Eight months ago, when the building became available, we got our opportunity."

During the grand opening celebration, Shop 'n Save and the Pillsbury Company donated \$5,500 to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater St. Louis. The money is a portion of the proceeds from sales of Pillsbury products at area Shop 'n Save stores during the week of Feb. 11.

The donation is a part of the company's dedication to supporting education and hunger relief in the greater St. Louis area, Reddick said.

"Education and hunger relief are two of the biggest areas that we try to cover and sup-

port," he said. "Big Brothers/Big Sisters is dedicated to helping and educating children in the area, and that is something we want to support."

Shop 'n Save is also dedicated to its customers.

The newest item at the Carlyle store is the in-store banking service. A Central Bank branch will be located in the store for full service banking.

Reddick said the company is also looking into putting in-store banking at some of its other facilities.

"We are really excited about the new banking service," he said. "We are in the process of seeing if all our locations can support a banking facility. It will depend on the size of the store, though."

The new 24-hour store also will offer a variety of other up-to-date services, including one of the largest frozen food departments, the bakery, meat, deli and produce departments have been improved upon in the new facility. A seafood department has also been added, carrying a complete selection of seafood from around the world.



Cutting the ribbon at the new Shop 'n Save store at 800 Carlyle Road in Belleville is Mike Wright, chairman and CEO of Supervalu, the parent company of Shop 'n Save Warehouse Foods Inc. Wright is joined by store Manager Paul Robertson.

Gas prices: More than sap rises in spring

Motorists will pay "as much as 9 cents a gallon more to fill up their gas tanks to take weekend drives along the Great River Road this spring."

"It happens every spring just like clockwork: the gas prices go up," said Rick Barnett, manager of the busy Alton Cigo service station at 1110 East Broadway.

Gas station operators across the River Bend this week posted signs with price increases from 5 to 9 cents a gallon. Regular unleaded gas prices shot up as high as \$1.29 a gallon.

When the wholesaler raises our prices, we pass the hike to

our customers at the pumps," Barnett said. "We don't like to do it but we have to pay our expenses and labor to operate the station."

Wholesalers are keeping smaller inventories of fuel on hand, contributing to the price hike, officials said.

"At Shell, we're keeping our inventories lower than a few years ago as a cost-savings measure," said Tara Condon-Tullier of Shell Oil Co.'s Wood River Manufacturing complex.

Refinery inventories of gasoline, diesel and crude oil "are at a historic low," said Bill Schrimpf, president of Piasa Motor Fuels, Inc., a large,

independent gasoline supplier based in Hartford. "Across the country the gas inventory is about 12 million barrels below last year," he said.

Prices at the Piasa Pantry stations in the area have gone up as supplies have gone down.

"The price our company pays for gasoline has gone up five cents since April 2," Schrimpf said. "We're an independent terminal and we look for the best gas prices for our customers."

Wholesale gasoline prices are "going crazy," said Ronald Hauck, president of Thomeczek Oil Co. of Alton.

"Gas prices are caught in the old game of supply and demand," Hauck said. "There's a shortage of refinery gasoline and the demand is really high, so it's causing the wholesale prices to shoot up."

"The wholesale gas price that I pay has been jumping every day. I'm paying 22 cents a gallon more to buy gasoline since Jan. 1."

Thomeczek hauls gasoline from the Phillips 66 gas terminal in East St. Louis to many service stations around Alton and Godfrey. "It costs us about 1.5 cents a gallon to truck the gas from the terminal to our stations," he said.

— From The Telegraph

Jamil attends conference

Dr. Muhammad Jamil attended a medical seminar entitled "New Directions in the Management of Asthma and Allergy" at the Nitz Carlton Hotel in St. Louis on March 30.

The continuing medical education program was sponsored by the University of Wisconsin Medical School in association with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

Specific learning objectives were to educate physicians regarding current concepts in the treatment of asthma and allergy diseases, their clinical impact on the inner city popu-

lation and the importance of the physician and patient partnership in the management of these diseases.

The seminar was designed for primary care physicians, allergists and pulmonary medical specialists. There was a faculty round-table discussion question-and-answer session at the end of the seminar. Faculty members were from St. Louis University School of Medicine and the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. A large number of area physicians and specialists attended the seminar.

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